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TO RENT—Two very desirable, five and six dollars. Apply to B. G. SLADE.

WANTED—Woman for general housework, good cook. Call or address 223 West Main street.

WANTED—Man to do chore work on farm and cut wood through winter. Jesse Robinson.

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. Apply to Mrs. E. J. Tiffany, 409 Gage St.

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WANTED—An canvassing agent with small amount of money may secure the agency of a California product that can be sold to every family of Bennington and surrounding country. A fine seller for a house to house canvasser to handle with other goods. It is an article of daily consumption, and where one sold is a sure repeater. The product is not as yet introduced in Vermont but hundreds of applications have been received from there. For particulars, prices and sample, address MANAGER, P. O. Box 167, San Jose, California.

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Parm of 275 acres, well watered, buildings in good condition, land in good state of cultivation, apple orchard of 100 to 200 barrels of fruit, sugar orchard of 300 trees, and cord of wood, 100,000 feet of timber; cuts 100 tons of hay. Terms easy. Enquire of C. H. Myers, Pownall centre, Vt.

FOR SALE—40 wagons of all descriptions, 30 sets of harness, single and double, 25 horses, good drivers and work horses. Enquire at W. J. Phelps' livery.

THEY FEEL BAD.

The Germans Don't Like Free Advertisements For Americans.

Berlin, Dec. 9:—The Publishers' Press is authorized to state that reports sent by the Associated Press from the Berlin office, November 25th that Emperor William had adopted the method of Dr. Holbrook Curtis of N. York for treatment of his throat are untrue and unjustifiable.

Attempt to advertise Americans by sending of the report, has excited indignation in the highest circles here.

WAS BORN HERE.

Samuel B. Keyes Died November 30, at Hartford, Conn.

Samuel B. Keyes, aged 68 years, died suddenly of heart disease November 30, 1903 at his home in Hartford, Conn. He was born in Bennington and lived a large portion of his life here. While here he was an esteemed member of the M. E. church, of which his father, Joseph Keyes was a charter member. He leaves a wife and two daughters, also two brothers and two sisters to mourn his death.

READSBORO

Rev. N. D. Sherman and wife returned home last week from a visit of several weeks spent in Monroe, Florida, Savoy and Charlemon.

Born, Saturday, Dec. 5 a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Martinelli and grand daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Chiste.

Abe Bishop came back Saturday from a several days business trip.

The village Balliffs will meet Thursday night for the last time this year, preparatory to auditing books, that the reports may be printed for circulation January 1st.

Carlo Cezio has accepted a position with Bullock Mfg Co., as bookkeeper.

Miss Hamer of North Adams is working for Miss Lizzie Stiekney.

Faxon Bowen and wife returned Monday from a three weeks visit in Melrose, Mass.

T. C. Buckley of New York was in town last week, in the interest of the Platinum Co., of America.

Why don't some of our enterprising young folks get up a Xmas Tree in Music Hall.

Our merchants are getting in their Xmas goods and all have unusual fine lines this year. People don't need to go away from home to secure an assortment, low prices and best goods.

SHAFTSBURY CENTER

School opened here Monday morning with Miss Jennie Hastings as teacher.

Mrs. John Stevens, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

Mrs. Ben Estabrook of Bennington visited her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and children of North Bennington spent Sunday at George Bronson's.

Andrew Niles is quite ill. Dr. F. E. Dean is attending.

Christmas Sale Of Pianos.

In order to reduce our stock before January 1st, we have decided to sell 25 new pianos, the regular price of which is \$350, for \$275 each. These pianos are new, just in from the factory; double veneered inside and out, highly finished in fancy figured walnut or fancy figured mahogany, with stool and scarf—fully warranted for ten years, and will be sold on very easy payments. Send for catalogue, giving full description of style, finish, etc. This is the chance of a lifetime to buy a strictly first class piano at a large reduction, and on easy terms. Address: McKannan Bros & Co., 45 Church St., Burlington, Vt.—3w

"King Jollity" a spectacular musical production is to be given in Bennington in the near future by local talent, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. It will be under the direction of Prof. E. J. Wales of Brattleboro, who has given it with great success in other places.

Thomas F. Farrell, 57, a well known Grand Army man who was secretary of the Fourth Vermont regimental association, died Monday at his home in Waterbury. He was at one time deputy collector of customs at Island Pond.

COSTLY HOGS

State Has Paid Almost \$8000 In Bounties.

DUE TO HEDGEHOG LAW

An Average of Over \$2650 a Month For Four and One-Half Months So Far.

State Auditor H. F. Graham has furnished a schedule of the bounties paid by the state on noxious animals for a part of the fiscal year ending April 1, 1903, the total amount paid out of the state treasury being \$7,789.45.

In this connection it must be remembered that there was no compensation available for the dreadful ravages of hedgehogs until December 11, 1902, when a bounty of 30 cents each was offered for the slaughter of these animals.

During the period between December 11, 1902 and April 30, 1903, the number of hedgehogs killed on which the bounty was claimed, was 7,224, which cost the state at 30 cents each, the sum of \$2,167.20. If this ratio is kept up during the year, the cost of hedgehog bounties alone for the two months will approximate \$6,000, a very tidy sum which many people think could be used to better advantage elsewhere.

LEILA MCINTYRE MARRIED.

Charming Bennington Actress Weds John Hyams, an Actor.

Miss Leila McIntyre, the pretty young actress who scored such a successful last year in the "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" was married at New York Sunday to John Hyams, who appeared in the same company. Miss McIntyre who is a Bennington girl is much admired everywhere. A New York paper of last Thursday printed the following:

If there was an air of abstraction about Leila McIntyre last night, when she made her first appearance in "Mother Goose," at the New Amsterdam theatre, New York. It was not due to stage nervousness. She was thinking of affairs of her own, no doubt, for her parents have said she shall not become the wife of John Hyams, Sunday morning, and she and Hyams have both asserted with equal positiveness that they will marry at that time.

Miss McIntyre, who plays "Jill" in the new pantomime, "Mother Goose," says only John Hyams shall be her "Jack," and Hyams adds that only he shall fetch and carry for her in the uphill struggle for life. So wages, the domestic war and the sequel rests in the future. It had been originally arranged that the marriage should take place last Sunday morning, but the plans were discovered by Miss McIntyre's parents and thwarted. "But it will be next Sunday sure," exclaimed the plighted pair yesterday, "and that's no nursery rhyme." There will be no elaborate ceremony, and for once the Little Church Around the Corner will not be the scene of a theatrical wedding.

Some justice of the peace will probably officiate—that is, if the lovers outwit the parents. Miss McIntyre is 19 years old, pretty and clever. She was formerly one of the vaudeville team of McIntyre and Linton and last season she played Beauty in "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast." Mr. Hyams, who is about 32 years old, appeared as the Doctor in the same production, but he is now conducting a vaudeville agency. His home is in Troy.

SANDGATE

The Revival meetings are continuing this week with increasing interest.

Mrs. John Steele of South Williams-town, who has been visiting for a short time at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hamilton's returned home last week.

Mrs. Jerome Still, remains about the same.

Smith Peck, the oldest citizen in town, being about ninety-four years of age, is recovering.

BRIMMER-ELDRED.

Pretty Wedding at North Pownal Last Wednesday Evening.

A very pretty wedding occurred last Wednesday evening at six o'clock, Dec. second, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Eldred of North Pownal, when their daughter, Bertha May was united in marriage to Franklin Brimmer of Albany, N. Y.

The bride was handsomely gowned in white crepe de chine over white silk and trimmed with venetian lace. She wore a veil and carried white bride's roses. Miss Marcia Blanche Eldred sister of the bride, who acted as maid of honor was attired in white silk muslin over green silk, and trimmed with point de sprie lace, and carried pink roses. Frank Hicks of Albany assisted the groom.

The house was tastefully decorated. White ribbons led from the stairway to an arch composed of laurel, ground pine and bittersweet, potted ferns were massed in the back giving a very pleasing effect. The banisters were covered with laurel and ground pine tied with white satin ribbon.

Miss Beulah Bunce of Troy Conservatory of music, and a cousin of the bride, beautifully rendered the Lohengrin wedding march. To its strains the bridal party entered, the bride leaning on the arm of her brother Arvie Eldred, who gave her away.

After the impressive ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Brimmer were heartily congratulated by their many friends and relatives. About eighty guests were present. Among those from out of town were, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brimmer, parents of the groom, Horace Greene and wife, D. R. Webster and wife, J. R. Tift and wife, Miss Leona Brimmer, S. R. Brimmer and wife, Mrs. H. J. Brimmer, Chas. Brimmer of Petersburg, N. Y.; Miss Jones, Miss Spencer, Miss Hannahs of Hookick Falls; E. S. Bunce and wife, Fred Bunce, Mrs. Willard Swartout, A. A. Bunce and wife, Miss Jennie Bunce, Miss Lida Bunce, Willis Gillies, the Misses Gallagher, Mrs. Chas. Crisp of Troy; Mrs. Dr. Goss of Taunton, Mass; Miss Anna Sullivan and Miss Emma A. Crum of New York City; Mr. Armsby and Mr. Fleming of Albany; Mrs. A. H. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brimmer of Pownal.

The great number of gifts included silver, cut glass, Haviland china, linen, furniture and money, one envelope containing \$100 in gold. Gale of North Adams served luncheon, the bride's cake being brought to the bride who cut it.

After the reception the happy couple left for Bennington amid a deluge of rice and good wishes. The coach was elaborately decorated with white ribbons. They will visit New York, Washington, Richmond, Va., and other places of note in the south.

The bride was very tastefully gowned in white tulle trimmed with ribbon and lace, and wore white gloves, and a pretty hair ornament in her hair. Following the ceremony a very nice luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton left for the north on the evening train, and after a ten days trip will be at home in West Arlington.

Many pretty gifts testified to the esteem in which the bride is held, among which were a gold banded china set, and silver spoons from Mrs. C. A. Derrick; ten dollars from Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edgerton; five dollars from Mr. and Mrs. White; five dollar gold piece from Miss Fannie McKee; two dollars from Mary Edgerton; one dollar from Mrs. C. W. Sherman; two dollars from Chas. Edgerton; one dollar from Elsie and Stella Harrington; Mrs. Skinner, pair of pillow cases; Mrs. Harrington, photo and brooch; grandmother of the bride, 1000 napkins; Mrs. Rawley, 1 pair towels; Mrs. Foster, 1 handkerchief; Mrs. Barrett, sofa pillow; from the brides mother, embroidered waist; Mrs. Eaton pair towels; Mrs. Lucy Smith, amber beads; Mabel Farnham, sugar shell; Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, 1 box tumblers.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to both.

MURDER CASE

Jury For Trial of Mabel Rogers Secured.

JEWETT FIRST WITNESS

H. M. Bassett Told of the Finding of the Body of Marcus Rogers In River.

After spending more than a day in getting a jury the trial of Mrs. Mabel Rogers for the alleged murder of her husband is in full swing.

The court suspended at 3 o'clock yesterday for one hour in order to permit the sheriff to find jurymen.

One of those called as jurors defined capital punishment as "standing firm in your mind." That let him out. Several have been excused because they were opposed to punishment by death.

When court adjourned the jury still needed one to complete, although fifty-six men had been summoned.

Mrs. Rogers wears her wedding-ring and when talking to a relative after court yesterday was seen to dry her eyes frequently. At all other times she has appeared perfectly emotionless.

The storm kept many away this morning. Women still make up a large proportion of the audience and line the halls when the prisoner passes in and out of the court room.

The jury was finally decided upon this morning, as follows:—E. W. Barrows, Dorset; Mead Brownell, Pownal; Oscar Chase, Readsboro; O. M. Derby, Manchester; Wm. Hamilton, Sandgate; Andrew Jepson, Stamford; W. N. Mattison, Glastenbury; John F. Sheldon, Rupert; Geo. V. Slade, Winhall; Wm. H. Smith, Manchester; P. C. Crea and Edward Bingham, of Bennington.

The jury was chosen from fifty-eight men.

The clerk read the indictment of Mrs. Rogers to the jury, to which the respondent had already pleaded not guilty.

O. M. Barber, for the prosecution, made a brief opening statement of the case and its circumstances, setting forth what the state expected to prove; that Marcus Rogers was murdered by Mrs. Rogers, assisted by young Perham, who was infatuated with her, that she and Perham had had illicit relations, that her motives were to be rid of Rogers in order to marry a young man, who is to be a witness in the case, and in order to obtain the money on an insurance policy which Rogers carried.

The defence took an exception to the part of the above, alleging that relations to have existed between Mrs. Rogers and Perham.

Samuel L. Jewett was the first witness to take the stand and was interrogated by Mr. Shaksheber. Jewett testified that on the morning of August 13 or 14, 1902, he brought a hat to Bassett's store, to which was pinned a note signed "Marcus Rogers," saying that the writer had committed suicide. He then went to Morgan's field, and looking along the river bank, found the murdered Rogers, face down at the bottom of the river. Jewett was not cross-examined.

Mr. H. M. Bassett took the stand and testified that a hat with a paper pinned to it had been brought to his store on East Main St. by one E. B. Hathaway the day before the body was found. He identified the hat and the note, which were produced in court.

Bassett saw the body after it had been taken from the water; he said it was very wet and covered with sand and dirt. He was unable, however, to identify the dead man as Marcus Rogers. The defense did not cross-examine Mr. Bassett.

E. B. Hathaway, being called as a witness, testified that the evening before the body was found, he had his attention called to a hat which was tied to a tree in Morgan's grove east of the path running from Safford street bridge to Grove street. He took down the hat, read the note pinned to it and took them both to Bassett's store. Mr. Hathaway identified the hat and note as their present condition.

said he found them about six rods from where Rogers was found. The cross examination by Mr. Archibald had no effect on Hathaway's testimony, although it was evident that the defense was bringing out the fact that the hat had not been discovered before evening, while it is claimed that the crime was committed the night before.

John Sanborn testified that he saw the hat and the note on the tree early Wednesday morning and again at noon, but paid little attention to them. When he saw the hat in the evening, the band on the hat had been cut. The respondent's cross examination developed nothing beyond what has been stated.

Deputy Sheriff John Nash, who was questioned by Mr. Barber, testified that he, Deputy Sheriff Godfrey and Selectman Ritchie were shown by Jewett to the river, that the body, resembling a log of wood lay at the bottom of the river, that it was face downward, and that its head pointed upstream.

They drew the body out of the water without difficulty. He described the river and the nature of the shore. They left the body on a stone wall to dry and then carried it to Safford street, where Undertaker Walbridge took it in charge. Mr. Nash identified a watch and a purse found in the pockets of the dead man. The body was taken to Perham's house on Safford street. Mr. Nash was not cross examined.

Leon Ferham was called on the stand this afternoon and as the Banner goes to press, is telling the story of how he and Mrs. Rogers murdered her husband.

AT ST. PETER'S.

Louisiana Purchase Exposition Closes a Musical.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Peter's church was brought very successful close last evening.

The turkey dinner was the best kind ever held in town and netted \$100. Over 80 sat at the first and the tables were set a second third time.

The various departments were tastefully gotten up and were well realized. The Japanese corner charge of Mrs. Blackmer and Mrs. L. C. Cook was the most interesting prettiest department in the entire exposition.

The kitchen department was in charge of Mrs. Finn and Mrs. Larabee.

Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Collins Grant of Bennington and Mrs. Chas. W. Hoosick Falls had charge of candy table, which was the most popular and best patronized.

Mrs. G. F. Graves and Mrs. C. B. Dewey had charge of the Indian exhibit and Miss Lula Robinson had an exhibit of her hand work and the was most successful.

Mrs. Hattie Bradford was the fort teller.

Mrs. Squires and Mrs. Wilcox gave several very entertaining duets a solos. They sang "Nearest and Dearest," and Mrs. Squires sang "Home my childhood" and "Gambaldi." M. Hazel McLeod gave a very interesting German recitation.

Mr. Squires goes to Burlington, the 14th and after the holidays goes the Pacific coast for the winter. It was the most successful affair of kind ever held in town, nearly being cleared.

NORTH POWNAL

Mrs. Charles Crisp of Troy a few days with her parents last.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bond are making preparations to move into the Card's house.

A new store house is being built by the New England Lime Co. Wm. Russell is laying the foundation.

The "Old Maid's Convention" affair was quite a success. About 75 was realized.

Mable Pettibone is confined to house by illness.

The first meeting of the "Young People's League" was held Wednesday evening in the church parlors and good time was enjoyed by all. A very interesting musical and literary program was given, after which a light lunch was served.

WEST ARRLINGTON

C. B. McKee was home over Sunday from Salem.

The social held last week at home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry was a pleasant one. The next is decided upon. So near people are busy.